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## BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

### Mrs. Pickett's Description of that Great Battle.

The auditorium was filled to its utmost seating capacity yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, by those who desired to listen to Mrs. Pickett's description of the battle of Gettysburg. Mrs. Pickett's accurate, eloquent and vivid portrayal of that great conflict has made her name famous throughout the United States. She is not an open-air speaker, however, her voice being inadequate to overcome the difficulties of such speaking; but considering the absence of those acoustic properties which in an enclosed auditorium are so invaluable to a public speaker when delivering an address, she did remarkably well, and even those who sat far back from the speakers' platform and could not hear her words distinctly remained throughout the speech, being glad to catch such fragments of her discourse as they were able to gather above the outside din and noise that dissipated most of her remarks ere they reached the ears of this part of her audience.

In a few well chosen words Hon. P. P. Campbell presented the speaker to the audience, and she at once took up the subject of her discourse. We regret that we haven't the space in our little daily to give a verbatim report of the lady's speech, suffice to say her description of that most momentous, desperately contested, and sanguinary struggle of the Civil war, is worthy of the mighty pen of a Victor Hugo. Indeed there are those who claim that her portrayal of that battle and her description of its environment surpasses in vividness and minuteness that of Hugo's description of Waterloo given in his renowned work entitled "Les Miserables." She unfolds as it were like a scroll the terrible scenes of that conflict, and finally one sees the entire picture in all its smoky, grimy, blood-stained and hideous reality. She sets forth the picture with such clearness and minuteness of detail that the intervening years, with all their accumulation of dust and rubbish that have tended to obscure its brilliance, seem to drop away from it, and lo! we behold before our

very eyes the opposing armies panoplied in battle array; we hear the clear notes of the bugle and the ominous roll of the drum; we hear the order to charge, and see the terrible onslaught begin. What havoc! What desperate courage there is displayed by the contending armies! What acts of individual heroism! We see the southern troops march right up to the canons' gaping mouths, and see the brave union soldiers standing undaunted by their guns; we see the red waves of death dashing over and around the entire scene, while the clash of contending steel, the roar of guns, and the groans of the wounded and dying, strike upon our ears. Seven times, did the confederate forces rally their shattered ranks, and under the leadership of the brave General Pickett, charge up Round Top Hill only to meet defeat and death, and at last the confederates withdrew, despairing of victory, leaving the union forces triumphant. It was all depicted by the speaker, even to the incident of a little union girl who was seen hugging the stars and stripes while the battle raged around or near her.

Gen. Pickett, although desperately wounded at the battle of Gettysburg was not killed. He died in the year 1895, but the wounds he sustained on that hard-fought field no doubt hastened his death.

Mrs. Pickett closed her speech with a fitting tribute to the bravery of those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray, and thanked God, as we all do, that our beloved country is again united and its sectional wounds are healed. Love and brotherhood is a golden chain that reaches from the rugged coast of New England to the shell-paved shores of Georgia, and the blue and the gray are alternate links in that chain.

### Shartel and Warner of Missouri.

#### MR. SHARTEL'S SPEECH.

Congressman Shartel of Neosho, Mo., was the first speaker. Mr. Shartel is a young man and has already won distinction in his state. He is a good speaker, has a distinct enunciation and a voice of considerable compass. His speech was listened to with marked attention by the great multitude that crowded the auditorium. His remarks elicited rounds of applause. The old soldier was not forgot-

ten. Mr. Shartel has squared himself with all the veterans who heard him. He handled corporations and trusts without gloves. He said it was the duty of every good citizen to take an interest in the methods (called politics) by which our public servants were elected. He said a patriot was a man who was not only willing to carry arms in defense of his country, but a man who would take an interest in every question involving its betterment. He said every man was a patriot who was striving to make this a better country; who was working for the causes that make for a higher and purer citizenship. He spoke of temperance and said that question would have to be met and settled at some time in the future. It was a question which involved the welfare of humanity and of civilization itself. It could not much longer be evaded by time-serving and weak-kneed politicians. His speech as a whole was of the high class order and was well received by the audience.

#### WARNER'S SPEECH.

Major Wm. Warner, United States Senator from Missouri, was introduced to the vast throng by a one-armed man from Monett, Mo., but whose name we failed to learn. Mr. Warner was greeted with plaudits of welcome. He was in fine voice, and looked the picture of health. His eyes shone with the lustre of youth, and, barring the fact that he needed a haircut, he seemed in perfect form in every way. Mr. Warner is a man who takes no umbrage at a bon mot or a good natured quip, hence we feel no apprehension at the allusion we have just made concerning his Sampsonian locks, which, after all, perhaps add to, rather than detract from, his laconic and majestic appearance.

Mr. Warner at once placed his audience in a good humor, which is one of the secrets of success in a public speaker. There is nothing stiff, nothing constrained in his manner. He is a commoner, plain, blunt, frank, and is free and easy as the proverbial old shoe. He spoke for an hour, commanding the undivided attention of his hearers throughout the entire time. The auditorium was packed and jammed with people and many were unable to procure seats, being compelled to stand upon the outside to hear him.

Following is a very incomplete summary of his speech: He was glad he came to Baxter, as it afforded him an opportunity to again touch elbows with his old comrades-in-arms. He was prepared to see a large crowd here, but did not expect to see the entire population of three states and the Indian Territory assembled upon the reunion grounds. (Laughter). He did not come to make a political speech, but to meet and greet the veterans of the Civil war and to help them fight the war all over again, colloquially, of course. One of his motives in coming here was to get something to eat; and if it were not for the prohibition sentiments expressed by the speaker who preceded him (Mr. Shartel) he would also add that he also came here in the hope of getting something to drink. He paid a glowing tribute to the old canteen and said that its memory was dear to every old soldier's heart, for had its contents not buoyed the drooping spirits of the old soldiers on many a weary march? He said the veterans of the Civil war were all growing old, some of them had a stoop of the shoulder, their locks which in the olden days were like the raven, were now like the snow, bald spots had made their appearance, and their steps were lagging. However, he advised

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